REMARKS

Claims 1-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Gouzman et al. (US 6,762,749). The examiner is requested to reconsider this rejection.

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify applicants' claimed invention. In particular, claim 1 claims that the electronic device has a user interface for changing an operation mode of the electronic device. The actuator provides a first texture when the electronic device is in a first operational mode and a second texture when the electronic device is in a second operational mode. The features of claim 1 are not disclosed or suggested in the cited art.

Figs. 5A and 5B of Gouzman et al. (US 6,762,749) disclose a fully integrated tactile interface system (FITIS) 200, similar to a mouse, connected to a computer and having buttons 204 and embossed tactile displays (ETD) 202. The embossed tactile displays (ETD) 202 are used for the computer to give tactile feedback to the user based upon mouse-like actions; such as navigation and selections. Height of pins 214 of the ETDs 202s can be adjusted to indicate color. Gouzman et al. discloses a user input (buttons 204) and a processor (104). However, Gouzman et al. does not disclose of suggest that the processor 104 and buttons 204 of the fully integrated tactile interface system (FITIS) 200 are operable to enable the actuator during a first operational mode status and disable the actuator during a second operational mode status. Nor does Gouzman et al. disclose or suggest an actuator which provides a first texture at a first portion when the

electronic device is in a first operational mode status, and wherein the actuator provides a second texture at the first portion when the electronic device is in the second operational mode status.

With applicants' invention a mobile cellular telephone can be provided with a rough textured surface on its back cover when the mobile telephone is in a mute mode (a first operational mode) and a smooth surface when the telephone is not in a mute mode (a second operational mode). As another example, with applicants' invention a mobile cellular telephone can be provided a rough textured surface on both of its lateral sides when the mobile telephone is being used for gaming (a first operational mode) and a smooth textured surface on both of its lateral sides when the mobile telephone is not being used for gaming (a second operation mode). These are only some examples noted in the patent application which illustrate the features of claim 1. More specifically, claim 1 provides a device where the texture on the device can be changed **based upon an operational mode of the device**. This is not disclosed or suggested in the cited art.

Gouzman et al. does not disclose or suggest embossed tactile displays (ETD) 202 being used to provide different textures based upon different operational modes of the FITIS 200. In fact, there appears to be no disclosure or suggestion of FITIS 200 having different operational modes; much less different operational modes which are changed by a user interface (the buttons 204). Nor does there appear to be a disclosure or suggestion of FITIS 200 having textures changed based upon operational modes of the FITIS 200. The features of claim 1

are not disclosed or suggested in the cited art. Therefore, claim 1 is patentable and should be allowed.

Though dependent claims 2-21 contain their own allowable subject matter, these claims should at least be allowable due to their dependence from allowable claim 1. However, to expedite prosecution at this time, no further comment will be made.

Claim 22 has been amended above to clarify applicants' claimed invention. Claim 22 claims that the user-replaceable cover comprises a housing forming an exterior surface, wherein the housing is adapted to be removed by a user from the electronic device and replaced. User-replaceable covers are known in the art. However, there is no disclosure or suggestion in the prior art of a user-replaceable cover with the features recited in claim 22. Gouzman et al. does not disclose or suggest that embossed tactile displays (ETD) 202 are a cover. Nor does Gouzman et al. disclose or suggest that embossed tactile displays (ETD) 202 are adapted to be removed by a user from the electronic device and replaced. The features recited in claim 22 are patentable and should be allowed.

Claim 23 has been amended above to clarify applicants' claimed invention. Claim 23 claims receiving user input to change an operational mode of the device; and providing a second configuration of the surface area of the electronic device instead of the first configuration **based upon** the user input changing the operational mode of the device. There is no disclosure or suggestion in Gouzman et al. of changing the operational mode of the FITIS 200; much less changing a

configuration of a surface based upon a change in the operational mode of the FITIS 200. The features of claim 23 are not disclosed or suggested in the cited art. Therefore, claim 23 is patentable and should be allowed.

Claim 24 has been added above to claim the features recited therein.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issue remain, the examiner is invited to call applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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